

U.S. MARINES CHIEF'S VISIT

U.S. Marines Commandant General Shepherd visits Drake's old home, Buckland Abbey, during a West Country tour to see the Royal Marines in training. And here they are - a Commando class learning how to cross broken country.

If that's difficult, what about this? Special climbers go ahead to fix the ropes, under covering fire. Commandant of the Commando school is Lieutenant-Colonel Fellowes. General Shepherd, who commanded the American Marines at the storming of Okinawa, had high praise for our Royals in Korea. He was in command in the Pacific when the Korea war broke out. This party is training for the Royal Tournament.

There's a close link between our Marines and the Americans whose corps - now 200,000 strong - was modelled on ours, and these days we interchange many ideas. Both make the proud boast - First in, Last out! Here's one who won't last out - but he's first in, all right!